

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As one of the below named inventors, we declare that:

My residence and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

We believe the named inventors to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Acetabular Component**, (Atty. Docket # **IOI-457**), the specification of which is attached hereto.

We believe we are the inventors of the subject matter claimed.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, SEC. 1.56(a).

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, with power of substitution:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

DECLARATION SIGNATURE SHEET

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